

have enriched our communities across five different sectors.

The Deerfield/Bannockburn/Riverwoods and Wilmette Chambers of Commerce joined together to host the seventh annual North Shore Women's Conference in the suburban Chicago district I represent. This year's honorees have each contributed in their unique ways to the strength and success of our communities, and each is well qualified and deserving of this recognition.

Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize this year's five honorees: in the Corporate Sector, Joy Foster of Deerfields Bakery; in the Small Business category, Megan Quinlisk Van Treeck of The Irish Connoisseur; in the Entrepreneurial category, Adriane Johnson of Populus XP; in the Not For Profit category, Deb Guy of the Women's Exchange; in the Government category, Wendy Durkin, Battalion Chief of the Buffalo Grove Fire Department.

Each of these women exemplifies part of the spirit that makes the Tenth District an ideal place to start and raise a family as well as build and grow a business.

I am grateful for the dedicated work each of them does in our communities, and I am confident that this honor will mark the start of an even greater chapter of service to the community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. MARIONNE ROBBINS

HON. KEITH ELLISON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Ms. Marianne Robbins. I join her family members and friends from the Sabathani Community Center who gather in Minneapolis on July 1, 2014 to commemorate this special day.

Marianne was born on July 4, 1914, in Sioux City, Iowa. She was seven years old when her family moved to South Minneapolis in 1921, and she has remained here for the 93 years since then. She has one daughter, two grandchildren, one great grandchild, and one great great grandchild. Marianne enjoyed a successful career at Northern States Power Company in Minneapolis until her retirement in 1979 after 34 years of service.

After her retirement, Marianne became a wonderful community volunteer and an active participant in the Senior Center at Sabathani Community Center in South Minneapolis. For many years she has served as a "sunshine lady" visiting the sick and immobile seniors, traveling with the Willie Hale Travel Club, bowling with friends, and participating in events with the U-Meet-Us Seniors and Sabathani Senior Center.

Marianne is always looking for new ways to connect senior citizens, like creating the Senior Breakfast Club and founding the Sabathani Red Hat Society chapter in Minneapolis.

Marianne Robbins has led an outstanding life, highlighted by her love of family and service to her community. I wish her many more years of health and happiness.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHY DUNSMUIR, RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 WILKES-BARRE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor of Kathy Dunsmuir, who was awarded the 2014 Distinguished Leadership Award at the Annual Dinner and Graduation of Leadership Wilkes-Barre on June 5, 2014. The dinner honored Leadership Wilkes-Barre's graduating class of 2014, marking 33 years of developing community leaders. Leadership Wilkes-Barre's mission focuses on both developing community leaders and fostering civic engagement.

Kathy has worked for PNC Bank for 37 years, where she currently serves as the Senior Vice President and Team Director. She is a 1999 graduate of Leadership Wilkes-Barre's Core program. Kathy stays involved in her community through participation in many area organizations. Kathy serves on the Board of Directors for the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center, Wyoming Valley Children's Association, Maternal & Family Service Association, and she will soon assume the Board Chairpersonship of the Osterhout Library. She is also a very active member of several committees, directing fundraisers and events for many area organizations such as the North Branch Land Trust, The Association for the Blind, Family Service Association, American Red Cross, American Heart Association, United Way of Luzerne County, Luzerne County Historical Society, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

I am proud to recognize Kathy for receiving this important award. Her tireless dedication to volunteer work sets a shining example for the Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania. Through her personal leadership, I am confident that she will continue serving as a pillar of our community. I thank her for her past work and look forward to her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING SRIRAM HATHWAR

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, S-T-I-C-H-O-M-Y-T-H-I-A. Stichomythia.

Mr. Speaker, this is the word that Sriram Hathwar spelled correctly to win the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee. I rise today to recognize and congratulate Sriram on this incredible accomplishment.

Sriram, an eighth-grade student at the Alternative School for Math and Science in Corning, New York, participated in the National Spelling Bee this year for the fifth time. In his final year of eligibility, Sriram outlasted 279 other contestants and was declared co-champion after correctly spelling twelve "championship words." As he progressed through the competition, Sriram appeared unfazed by the increasingly difficult words that were presented to him. He displayed impressive levels of

composure, confidence and determination throughout the competition, which propelled him to victory.

After diligently studying the roughly 470,000 words in the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, Sriram successfully spelled some of the most challenging words in the English language. The amount of preparation and training Sriram completed in preparation of this competition exemplifies his unrelenting dedication to learning.

In addition to his proficiency at spelling difficult words, Sriram's display of humility and sportsmanship throughout the competition was commendable. Upon being named co-champion, Sriram recognized his fellow contestants by stating that the competition was "against the dictionary, not against each other."

Sriram Hathwar is a source of inspiration within my congressional district and across the country. I am proud of his success in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and confident that he will build upon this experience to accomplish great things in the future.

HONORING DOCTORS WILLIAM W. HAYNIE AND CURTIS LONG

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two amazing men who have served Bates County for over fifty years as medical professionals. Dr. William Haynie and Dr. Curtis Long are loved and respected by all and have made an amazing difference in the lives of thousands of families in Missouri's 4th District.

Dr. Haynie began his career at Bates County Memorial Hospital in 1964. He has been a very active member of the medical staff and many committees within the hospital. He supervised the Laboratory, Medical/Surgery, and Rehabilitation services before serving as Chief of the Medical Staff for eight years. Dr. Haynie was recognized in 2012 by the Missouri State Medical Association for his 50 years of dedicated service as a Medical Doctor in the Bates County community. His always-positive attitude and selflessness to remain faithful to service for decades is deserving of praise.

Dr. Long began his practice in Butler, Missouri in 1964 where he has been a pillar in the community for over five decades. During his distinguished career he has operating from the same medical building performing more than 10,000 surgeries, delivering over 4,000 babies, and admitting over 50,000 patients. Additionally, he has been a leader for organized medicine groups, hospitals, banks, and churches within the community. I stand to recognize Dr. Long's passion for his practice and his community.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues to join me in applauding the service and commitment of Drs. Haynie and Long. Their steadfast and enduring service is a shining example for all. We are blessed to have such dedicated practitioners serving us, and they are certainly worthy of our recognition.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 269, I was unable to vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY OF REVEREND DOUGLAS JONES AT WELCOME MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Reverend Douglas Jones of Welcome Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan, as the congregation and the broader community celebrate his Twenty-fifth Pastoral Anniversary.

Throughout his tenure as the spiritual leader of the congregation at Welcome, Reverend Jones has approached his responsibilities with thoughtfulness and resolve for all of his congregation's members. From the very beginning of his tenure in 1989, Reverend Jones has focused on his congregation's future and in one of his first acts, took steps that allowed the church members to pay off Welcome's mortgage within his first three years. He also been keenly focused on the needs of Welcome's younger members and has established a number of ministries centered on catering to their needs. Furthermore, he has given special attention to members of his congregation facing moments of crisis in their lives—creating ministries that assist members with health and family emergencies.

The results of Reverend Jones' dedication are witnessed in the spiritual prosperity of the congregation at Welcome, which has grown both in membership from several hundred to more than four thousand, and in the deepening connection of its members to their faith.

In addition to the remarkable impact Reverend Jones has made at Welcome, he has engaged in endeavors that have affected the entire Pontiac community. As the founder of the Greater Pontiac Community Coalition, Reverend Jones brought together stakeholders from across the different sectors of Pontiac to make positive changes in their community. Additionally, Reverend Jones is active in many other community organizations in Pontiac and beyond, including Pontiac Youth Assistance and Pontiac's Committee of 50, a gathering of community decision-makers that drives philanthropic efforts within the city. Reverend Jones' work also includes the establishment of a scholarship fund to help youth realize their dreams of higher education and programs that support youth during their primary education.

Because of Reverend Jones' leadership and endeavors at Welcome Missionary Baptist Church and within the Pontiac community, many residents have received support at critical moments in their lives and have seen the

bonds within their neighborhoods strengthened. I know the congregation at Welcome must be proud of all Pastor Jones' accomplishments over his twenty-five year tenure as their spiritual leader. I am grateful for Reverend Jones' friendship and his leadership on many issues of importance to the Pontiac community and the Greater Detroit region. I wish Reverend Jones, First Lady JoAnn and their family continued happiness and success as they continue to serve their neighbors in Pontiac and the Greater Detroit community.

HONORING DOMINIC CECERE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, competitive sports allow youth to test their skills, while learning the importance of fair play and good sportsmanship. Dominic Cecere has spent 50 years coaching baseball at Eastchester High School. His joy for teaching and love of the game has inspired generations of youth.

Current and former athletes say he inspired them to give the game their all, which shows in the school's winning streak. Thanks to Dom's leadership, the Eastchester Eagles have won 15 league titles, six sectional titles and a regional championship. He has also traveled with players to Puerto Rico, Venezuela, and Cuba.

A former rookie player for the New York Yankees, Dom also worked as a professional talent scout for the Cincinnati Reds, the Montreal Expos, and the Philadelphia Phillies.

Dom started coaching the Eastchester varsity baseball team in 1965. He was captain of the Varsity Baseball team at New York University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education. He later earned a degree in Administration and a Master of Science in Physical Education from the University of Bridgeport.

Westchester County has recognized him as their coach of the year eight times and the New York Daily News has named him "New Coach of the Year" twice. Dom has also been honored by the New York State Coaches' Associations Award and the National H.S. Coaches Associations.

Dom was inducted into the Westchester County Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, the Eastchester Hall of Fame in 2006, and now the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame.

A number of his former students have gone on to coach baseball too. They will be among those honoring Dom at the inaugural Dom Cecere tournament, which raises money for graduating seniors going to college.

I am pleased to honor Dominic Cecere for his contributions to Eastchester High School, as well as to America's great pastime. I am hopeful he will inspire another generation of young players.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE LIFE-LONG IMPROVEMENTS IN FOOD AND EXERCISE (LIFE) ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2014

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to reintroduce the Lifelong Improvements in Food and Exercise (LIFE) Act, authorizing a national initiative to attack a major health problem in the United States that cannot be remedied through the health care system alone. Increasing rates of overweight and obesity are now found in Americans of every age, race, and major demographic group, and threaten the health of Americans like no other single disease or condition. In fact, the key to eliminating many of the most serious health conditions is to reduce overweight and obesity. The bill would provide \$25 million to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a coordinated national effort to reverse increasingly sedentary lifestyles and diets that are high in fat and sugar.

Despite rising consciousness of this epidemic, from television shows like "The Biggest Loser" and "Extreme Weight Loss" to a steady stream of diet books, the United States has startling rates of obesity among adults and children. In 2010, the CDC National Center for Health Statistics indicated that, since 1980, the percentage of children who are overweight has more than doubled, and the percentage of adolescents has tripled. Today, the 13 million overweight children have an 80 percent chance of being overweight adults, with the health conditions that follow, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer. The CDC reports that Type 2 diabetes, considered an adult disease, is now widespread in children. The rising costs of the health care system, including insurance premiums, reflect the epidemic. The consequences for children will follow them throughout their lives if we do not act quickly and decisively. If we are serious about controlling health care costs, we must start where the most serious health conditions begin: overweight and obesity.

The bill seeks to provide the first national strategy to combat the epidemic by directing the CDC to: train health professionals to recognize the signs of obesity early and to educate people concerning healthy lifestyles, such as proper nutrition and regular exercise; conduct public education campaigns about how to recognize and address overweight and obesity; and develop intervention strategies to be used in everyday life, such as in the workplace and in community settings. The legislation is the minimum necessary to address our most important health crisis. Today, chronic diseases, many of which are caused or exacerbated by overweight and obesity, account for 70 percent of all deaths in the U.S. and 60 percent of U.S. health care costs. According to the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Decrease Overweight and Obesity, the cost of obesity in the U.S. was more than \$117 billion in 2000. The CDC has highlighted a study that estimates the annual cost to be \$147 billion. It is estimated that between 300,000 and 400,000 deaths per year are related to obesity.